

What is Repeat Dispensing?

It is a way of getting your medicines without having to ask the doctor for a prescription each time.



How does Repeat Dispensing Work?

Your doctor will send a series of electronic repeat prescriptions to your pharmacy in one go, so there's no need for you to order them each time.

You can collect your medicines from the pharmacy at regular intervals for up to 12 months without having to contact your doctor.

Your doctor will decide how often you should collect your prescription and how long it will last for.

When you need more medicines, go back to your pharmacy. Before dispensing the next issue of your prescription, your pharmacy will ask:

- have you seen any health professionals (GP, nurse or hospital doctor), since your last repeat prescription was supplied?
- have you recently started taking any new medicines - either on prescription or that you have bought over the counter?
- have you been having any problems with your medication or experiencing any side effects?
- are there any items on your repeat prescription that you don't need this month?

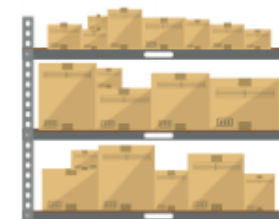


If you don't need all of your prescription, let the pharmacy staff know, so that they only supply the medicines you need. This will help to **reduce waste and save the NHS money**.

Electronic prescribing is **easier for the NHS to manage** so that medicine use stays safe, effective and efficient



Processing fewer paper prescriptions could **save the NHS £millions** each year



Electronic repeat dispensing is a **reliable, secure and confidential** NHS service. Unlike paper prescriptions, electronic prescriptions can't get lost between the doctor and the pharmacy.

